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To: Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE)

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Subject: ILEARN Redesign Review

Pursuant to [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-31-3-1\(c\)](#), ILEARN will be redesigned to accommodate the streamlined 2023 Indiana Academic Standards (IAS). There are currently thirteen states implementing or investigating a through-year assessment. IDOE seeks an innovative through-year assessment as a way to improve monitoring of student learning through real-time, actionable data and supporting educators, students, and families to connect student learning with instructional practices and individualized interventions.

The future-focused IAS include identified essential standards at each grade level and content area. The proposed redesign consists of a through-year assessment comprising two components for math and English/language arts (ELA) assessments in grades 3-8, which will consist of checkpoints and a shortened summative. Distinct checkpoints, based on learning progressions, will be administered for math and ELA in separate windows with the goal of minimizing overall testing time. Each checkpoint includes IAS grouped into subdomains which will inform overall reporting categories as part of the summative reporting. The summative will be reduced in length because standards will be assessed throughout the year. The scale score will be determined from the summative component only and used to determine a student's ILEARN proficiency level, and will meet state and federal accountability requirements.

IDOE distributed a learning progressions survey in April 2023 to all public and non-public schools based on anticipated instruction of the 2023 IAS to inform ILEARN checkpoint windows. IDOE received almost an 80% response rate to inform draft test blueprints that were subsequently reviewed and revised by educator committees in June 2023. Draft test blueprints were published for public and non-public schools to provide feedback through late July and early August 2023. Pending approval from SBOE of the proposed ILEARN through-year design, IDOE will publish test blueprints to support schools with the transition to the future test format.

Goals of the ILEARN redesign include:

- Checkpoints comprised predominantly of essential IAS. Flexible windows allow the Checkpoints to be administered at the time of learning.
- Connecting teachers to instructional support for students through innovative artificial intelligence (AI) opportunities.



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- Actionable data for educators and families at the time of student learning from a dynamic reporting system.
- Providing a family portal explaining results and connecting families directly to relevant support materials.
- Supporting standards instruction and mastery with an assessment 100% aligned to future-focused IAS.
- Providing a second opportunity two opportunities for assessment data to ensure student interventions have been provided.
- Yielding a predictor of student achievement on the summative component using results from each checkpoint.
- Providing end-of-year reports that include information about student performance throughout and at the conclusion of the school year.
- Reduction in overall testing time for schools by incorporating required data points into a single assessment system.
- Distribution of quality professional development on assessment, instruction, and data literacy for educators and families.

IDOE plans to provide a pilot opt-in opportunity (checkpoints only) for the 2024-2025 school year and statewide implementation (checkpoints and shortened summative) during the 2025-2026 school year. The table below provides a timeline for the implementation of 2023 IAS and the pilot and statewide administration.

2023-2024 School Year	Mathematics ELA Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS implementation preparation takes place. ● ILEARN (except Science) assessments reflect 2020 IAS. ● Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant applications continue for K- grade 10 Math and ELA and universal dyslexia screeners (approved list).
	Science and Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS are fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Science assessments reflect 2023 IAS.
2024-2025 School Year	Mathematics ELA Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS are fully operationalized. ● Classroom instruction is aligned to 2023 IAS. ● Pilot opportunity of ILEARN Checkpoints aligned to 2023 IAS is held. ● ILEARN Summative assessment reflects streamlined IAS to the extent possible. Guidance will be provided. ● Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant applications continue for K-grade 10 Math and ELA and universal dyslexia screeners (approved list).



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		Schools should begin to consider how they will use required Checkpoints and chosen interims in their assessment, instruction, and intervention planning.
	Science and Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS continue to be fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Science assessments reflect 2023 IAS.
2025-2026 School Year	Mathematics ELA Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS continue to be fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Checkpoints and Summative assessments reflect 2023 IAS. ● Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant applications continue for K-grade 10 Math and ELA and universal dyslexia screeners (approved list). Schools should have a plan of how they will use required Checkpoints and chosen interims in their assessment, instruction, and intervention planning.
	Science and Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS continue to be fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Science assessments reflect 2023 IAS.
2026-2027 School Year	Mathematics ELA Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS continue to be fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Checkpoints and Summative assessments reflect 2023 IAS. ● Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant applications continue for K-grade 2, grades 3-8 (limited use), 9-10 Math and ELA and universal dyslexia screeners (approved list).
	Science and Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 IAS continue to be fully implemented in classrooms. ● ILEARN Science assessments reflect 2023 IAS.